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LB 574

Legislature. This is purely a technical amendment that was just slightly too heavy for the E & R process. It does two things. It fixes two cross-references, and does a coordination with a bill introduced by Senator Janssen. There's nothing more significant than that. So again, I...purely technical. I ask your acceptance. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Raikes, you would be recognized to close. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM1816. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Raikes' amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: It is adopted. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Raikes would move to amend with AM1923. (Legislative Journal page 1849.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes, to open on AM1923.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Let me remind you that LB 574 deals with need-based aid in higher education, among a couple...along with a couple other topics. We're implementing a new system here, a new structure, I guess I should say. One of the things that's critically important in this structure is cooperation between the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission, which has sort of overall responsibility for administration, and the higher education institutions in the state, which actually help with the process of dealing with...or, not dealing with, but assigning scholarship awards, reporting the information, and so on. This is an amendment that was worked out in cooperation with the institutions and the Coordinating Commission, that both agreed with, that thought that it added to the language, made it more consistent with procedures that need to go into place. So that's agreed upon. I would mention to you that there's one potentially substantive change, although I think it's a minor one and not at all controversial. The bill as it is now